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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

BUHIMSKI, et al

SERIAL NO. 09/765,476

FILED: January 18, 2001

TITLE: **FREE RADICAL SCAVENGERS OR
PROMOTERS THEREOF AS THERAPEUTIC
ADJUVANTS IN PRETERM PARTURITION**

ATTY DKT NO. P-120561.1(UTI)

GROUP ART UNIT: 1653

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated December 18, 2002. A request for a three month extension of time to and including June 18, 2003, is filed herewith along with a check for the appropriate fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 1 (currently amended). An improved therapy to ~~prevent~~ inhibit the occurrence of premature labor or improve the outcome of premature labor in a pregnant animal, said therapy comprising:
administering to said pregnant animal a free radical scavenger; or a precursor thereto, ~~or an agent~~
~~inducing production of endogenous free radical scavenger~~, in an effective amount ~~to said~~
~~pregnant animal~~ effective to inhibit said occurrence or improve said outcome.